

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

L. Karsten V. LINDSTRÖM et al.

Serial No. (unknown)

Filed herewith

METHOD TO OBTAIN CONTAMINATION  
FREE LASER MIRRORS AND  
PASSIVATION OF THESE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to the first Official Action and calculation of the filing fee, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend claim 6 as follows:

--6. (Amended) The method according to claim 2, wherein said nitrogen plasma contains nitrogen ions in the atomic or molecular form, or a mixture of these.--

Amend claim 7 as follows:

--7. (Amended) The method according to claim 2, wherein said nitrogen plasma contains neutral atomic nitrogen.--

Amend claim 8 as follows:

--8. (Amended) The method according to claim 2, wherein said nitrogen plasma contains molecular nitrogen.--

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Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE."

Respectfully submitted,

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Amend claim 6 as follows:

--6. (Amended) The method according to ~~any of claims 2-5~~ ~~claim 2~~, wherein said nitrogen plasma contains nitrogen ions in the atomic or molecular form, or a mixture of these.--

Amend claim 7 as follows:

--7. (Amended) The method according to ~~any of claims 2-5~~ ~~claim 2~~, wherein said nitrogen plasma contains neutral atomic nitrogen.--

Amend claim 8 as follows:

--8. (Amended) The method according to ~~any of claims 2-5~~ ~~claim 2~~, wherein said nitrogen plasma contains molecular nitrogen.--